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To

Miss Marion Stoneman

in whom, ethereal delicacy of spirit and a high tone of principality, that is spurrred on by a remarkable force of equanimity that has so subtly, yet unmistakably pulled at the trend of our thoughts and ways into a nobler path, we find renewed inspirations to further the work of all things beautiful and free, we, the Class of 1924, respectfully dedicate this Annual.

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Friendship

"I sat thinking last night of friendship;
That quality so rare in man;
That word oft used, more often abused
By mankind through a whole life's span.
I dreamed of an ideal friendship,
Of a life growing sweet and calm,
When a man served friends, not selfish ends,
And the lamp and I smoked on."

"I pictured my friend as I'd have him,
For whom I would lay down my life;
A steadfast friend on whom to depend
Thro' life's battle of storm and strife.
The friendship of which I was dreaming
To one so seldom e'er comes,
'Tis a greater rarity than Christian charity,
So the lamp and I smoked on."

"Lamp and Pipe, shall we stop our smoking,
And give up the search in despair;
Or still look through the leaves of Life's book,
Till we find such a friend somewhere?
Shall we ever find one, I wonder?
A friend so sturdy and strong?
Yes, we will; some day, I ween;
If not, we can dream—
So the lamp and I smoked on."

William Attkisson

"Attention! Here Comes Bill!"

By his good looks, happy laugh and pleasant disposition he has won his way into the hearts of the Faculty and Students, especially is he popular among the fairer sex. At first sight Bill appears dignified but after you know him awhile he is just as big a kid as the next one, especially when he is diked out in his knickers.

Bill is a regular fellow and whether on the dance floor, basketball court, or in a hot political argument, he is right there. Good luck to you Bill, wherever you roam you have the best wishes of your classmates.

Doris Rathien

Doris is a mixture of fun and studiousness; always ready to help some poor unfortunate out of a scrape whether it be Chemistry, Latin, History or Arithmetic. She has been voted on by the class as the "Best Allround Sport," and this is true for she takes an interest in all activities, especially athletics.

If you feel blue go to Doris and you will immediately feel better for she always sees the funny side of every thing.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you," seems to be her motto.

That her future may be successful as her school days is the wish of the Class of '24.

Marie Baughman

Since Marie entered Varina the girls have had no need for fashion books as she is quite a modiste in designing and making garments of distinct charm and good taste. Another good work her fingers have accomplished is being a pianist of great promise.

Her fingers, however, are not the only agile part of her make up for as a debater, Marie stood first among the girls in the Class of '23, and represented Varina creditably at the University.

As the beloved president of the Senior Class, Marie has headed most of the school activities this year and her charming personality will always be indelible on the minds of her fellow students.

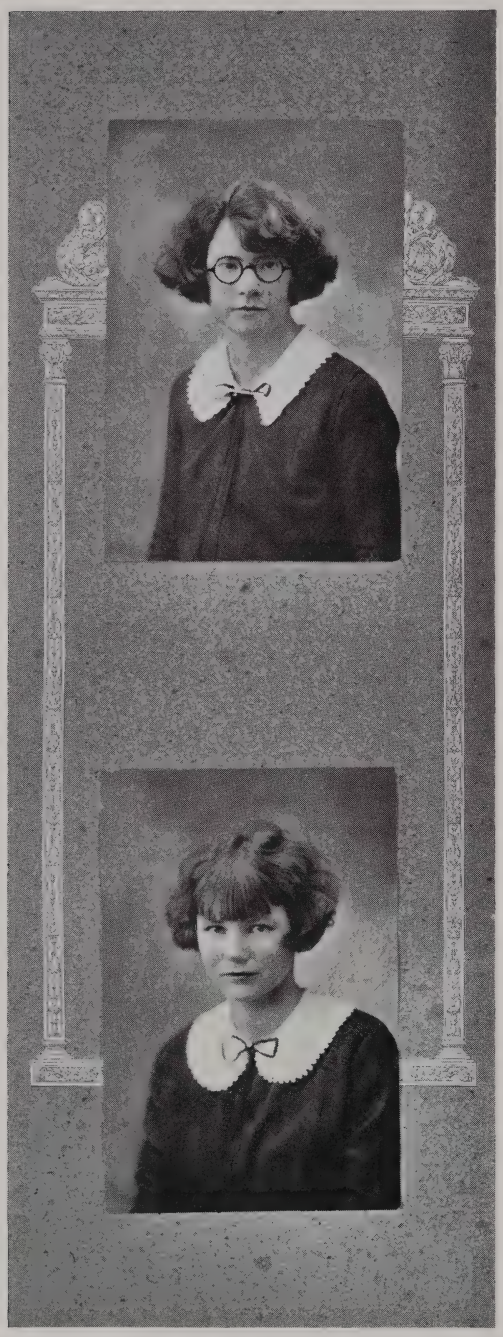
Success to you "Sparky" and may your store of energy always be directed into worth while channels.

Isabella Hall

"A Woman's Tongue Never Ceases"

This is true of Isabella or "Izzy," as she is generally known, for arguments are her chief hobby. She may be seen all hours of the day wandering aimlessly around looking for mischief or if she is not doing that she is found in the midst of a group of students telling the latest news; for "Izzy" is a regular "Scandal Hound." If you are ever in trouble go to "Izzy" and she will console you by giving you a longer list of her misfortunes.

Besides all of this "Izzy" is a good student (if she feels like working), and as a proof of her ability to write just read her history of our class.



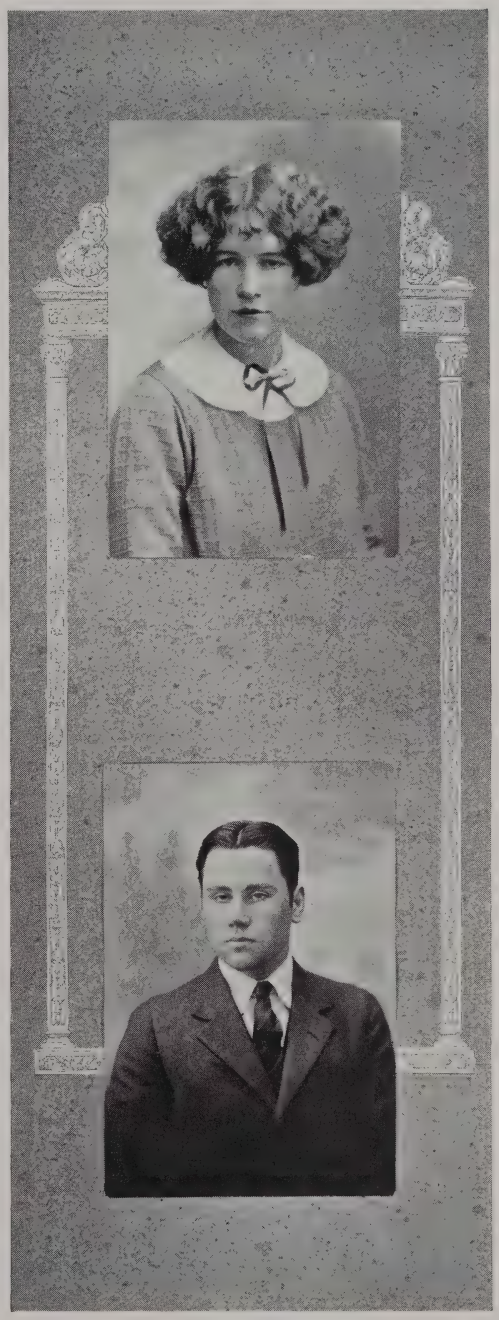
Mabel Drinker

Speaking of a woman's tongue reminds us that "Dinkey" holds the record for speed in talking, some of which has been displayed in her Public Speaking, when we remember that curly haired people are said to be good natured, and red headed ones hot tempered, we understand why "Dinky" is so interesting. She is our cheeriest, jollist, most companionable and an all round sport. In Chemistry she is usually found hanging out of the window for fear of an explosion, but nevertheless, we are expecting great things from you "Dinkey," so don't disappoint us.

Mildred Daniels

"Never Do Today What You Can Do Tomorrow"

What would the Class of '24 be without "Tommy?" She is the best pal a fellow ever had and a wonderful sport. When it comes to studying—well, there are things she likes better. There is only one thing Tommy cannot do, that is to get to class on time, but we attribute this to her carefree happy-go-lucky disposition. Some day in the Halls of Fame we expect to see Tommy's name among the great artists.



Waverly Peers

"If she will she will and you may depend on it. But if she won't she won't so that's an end of it."

This is true of Waverly or "Redd," as she is known to her friends, for arguments are her chief hobby. When we see a curly red head bobbing up and down and hear someone talking furiously you know it is "Redd" in an argument, and she usually comes out on top.

Whether her name "Redd" applies to her beautiful hair or her disposition, we will leave to you to judge, anyway she seldom leaves anyone in doubt as to her opinion of them.

Benjamin Hubbard

Benjamin, better known as "Fatty," has been with us for a long while, starting the local grind in the vicinity of the Fourth Grade. His charming ways and pleasant smiles have found a permanent place in the hearts of his classmates, especially with a group of blond maidens.

Amorous tendencies have not altogether composed the life of our Business Manager. His has been a full coterie of Junior League Programs, a leading part in social activities and an athletic endeavor that has netted for him a monogram. His spectacular guarding was material to many a basketball victory. This same tact in athletics transformed into business initiative, characterizes Benjamin, who we feel will some day demand the respect of the business world.

Thelma Goodman

"Tag"

With manner quite haughty,
This maid is quite naughty;
Light is her hair and her face is quite fair.

"Tag" is a good sport and has one of the best dispositions in the class, for she never loses her temper. She is a diligent student as is shown by the good grades she makes. Besides this she is the star giggler of the class and truly believes in the old adage, "Laugh and the world laughs with you."

She is rightfully named "Tag" for she is always asking, "Where is Lola?" We feel sure Thelma will make a great success some day, especially teaching a school—of fish.

Ruby Durrett

As sweet a girl as one could meet. Ruby is a very quiet little girl but she possesses a will of her own. When she talks she usually gives valuable information. Ruby joined our class in the Junior year from Glendale. We are sure she is a valuable addition to our class. One of her favorite pastimes is seeking Bates.

Home Economics has been one of Ruby's favorite studies. She was one of the few to win a prize on cooking last year. We expect she will teach for awhile and then ——?

Lola F. Martin

Lola is a very wise looking young person. She is an especially hard worker in Chemistry Laboratory. We do not know what we would do without Lola to ask questions in class in order to get Mr. Baker to put off a written lesson.

We are always fond of her when she rings the class bells too soon.

We expect Lola to be a great Botonist (especially in Bugs), some day. Any way we wish her success in whatever she undertakes.

Esther Hines

Her skin is like the lilies,
Her eyes are like the skies,
Her cheeks are pink as roses
But oh! her smiles tell lies.

Esther is mischievous and likes fun. She joined us from Glendale in our Junior year. She is a regular fish when it comes to swimming since it is her special hobby. One problem she cannot solve in arithmetic is, why Mr. Baker calls her Elsie instead of Esther. She expects to be a business woman, probably making "Vests!"

Ruth Murphy

Where is Ruth? Some logical thinker said, "Where is the mirror?" But we do not blame Ruth, certainly a mirror could hardly be put to a happier use—at least so think her buddies, and why not? Ruth was declared our most popular student by actual vote. She is not quite so radical in social enjoyment, not so fond of late hours and extreme excitement—but let a community enthusiast tell it, only the experienced can express the more subtle charm. Ruth has represented our school at Charlottesville for three years in a very creditable manner. We believe she will be even more successful in the home of some lucky man.

Marion Berkeley Fussell

Through the four long years that Berkeley has been with us he has proven himself a true friend and classmate. If there is anything to be done we may depend on Berkeley for he is always ready to do his share to make things a success. His interest in athletics is shown by the fact that he is president of the Athletic Association, captain of the Basketball Team and for three years has won monograms.

He is a shining star in Chemistry and very experienced in causing explosions. We feel sure that some day "Berk" may be a great orator or lawyer, but whatever it may be we predict that he will make a great success.

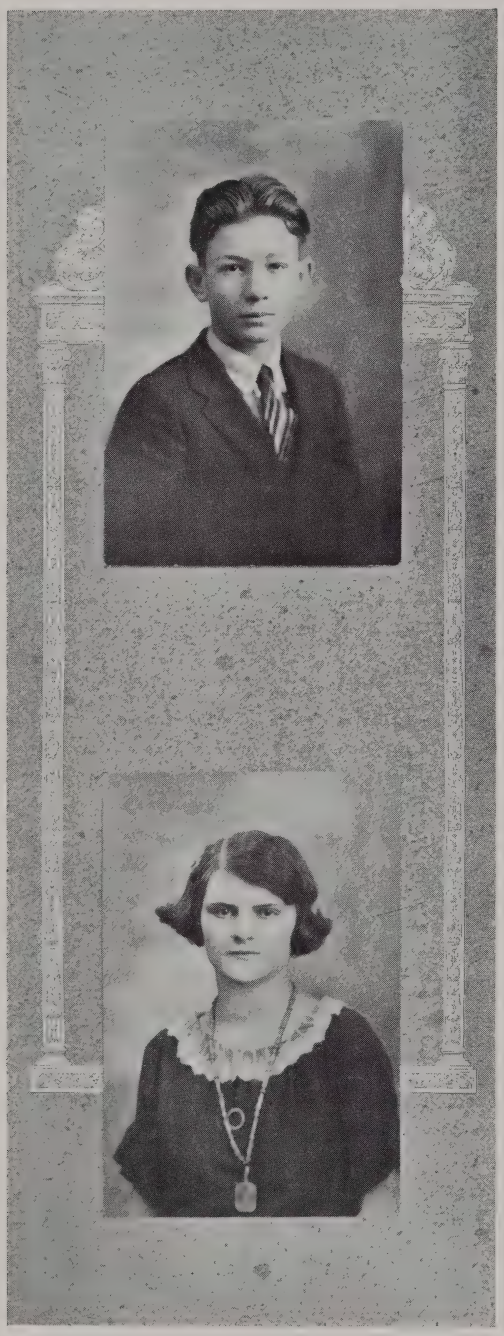
Gladys Mae Davis

Gladys has the distinction of being the most studious girl in the class of '24. She is not only the first to have her work "up and in," but has time to enjoy a good joke and she also likes to perpetrate one on her classmates. Gladys has an unusual mind and we often wonder why it is she can so quickly see through things over which we have to spend many hours.

Gladys' sweet disposition and willingness to help others has won for her many friends and we are confident that a career awaits her in the literary world.

Hazel Bowis

Hazel is one of our cutest girls. She always greets you with her cheery smile and "Hello." Latin is a mean struggle for her, but she gets there just the same. When we are feeling disheartened and "low down" it is Hazel who cheers us up with her snappy jokes and compliments. All the boys like her because she is such a good buddy. The girls adore her for her sweet and unselfish disposition. She is usually second in line to the mirror, but we grant her this privilege as we are proud of her good looks. She expects to teach, but if cupid handles the proposition as he should she is more likely to be connected with the morning paper—breakfast table.



Clarence Crouch

Generally known as "Sleepy," believes a successful person must have a certain amount of relaxation. Accordingly he sets aside a portion of each period to sleep. However, he chooses his subjects well and passes on all those which he thinks will be useful to him in later years.

He is an especially hard worker in Chemistry Laboratory, always trying to perform some wonder which was never heard of by any other Chemist. We are sure he will be a great Chemist some day and will make Varina proud of him.

Elma Fussell

Were but my voice just tuned right
I'd carol through the live long night.

Varina, especially the class of '24, is deeply endebted to Elma for her charming alto voice. For four long years she has assisted generously in all of our quartets and choruses.

Elma is a diligent worker and she is always glad to assist others. She is patient, gentle and quiet. These qualities along with her soft tone of voice would be a great asset to her as a trained nurse. However, we think that Elma has other aspirations but we are unable to guess what they are. There is no doubt but that she will be successful in what ever she undertakes.

Rosa Barnett

"Rosy"

"A little bit of powder
And a dab of paint,
Makes one's complexion
What it ain't."

We do not know what we would do without Rosa. How could we write up our Chemistry note books without the aid of her splendid vocabulary?

Rosa came to Varina from Charles City. We do not know exactly what she intends to do, but we think her vocation will be cooking three meals a day and perhaps singing lullabys.

Charles Whitlock

Charles "Whit" is another Thoreau. He believes in attending school one day and making that do for a week. He is very fond of "parking" his books on other pupils desks but for all that he is a good sport, a good pal, and an athlete. "Whit" is always willing to help anyone into or out of trouble. He is an expert on science, especially Chemistry. Charles will gladly help us with our problems and experiments even when he does not know them himself. We will not be surprised to find him teaching Chemistry in some college. He is also an expert on changing tires on his "desert snorter."

Gertrude Throckmorton

Gertrude is a distinct type in our class. She is tall, has black wavy hair, and brown eyes. She blushes very easily. To those who know her she shows that she really enjoys fun as much as the rest of us and she has the habit of laughing at the mistakes of others.

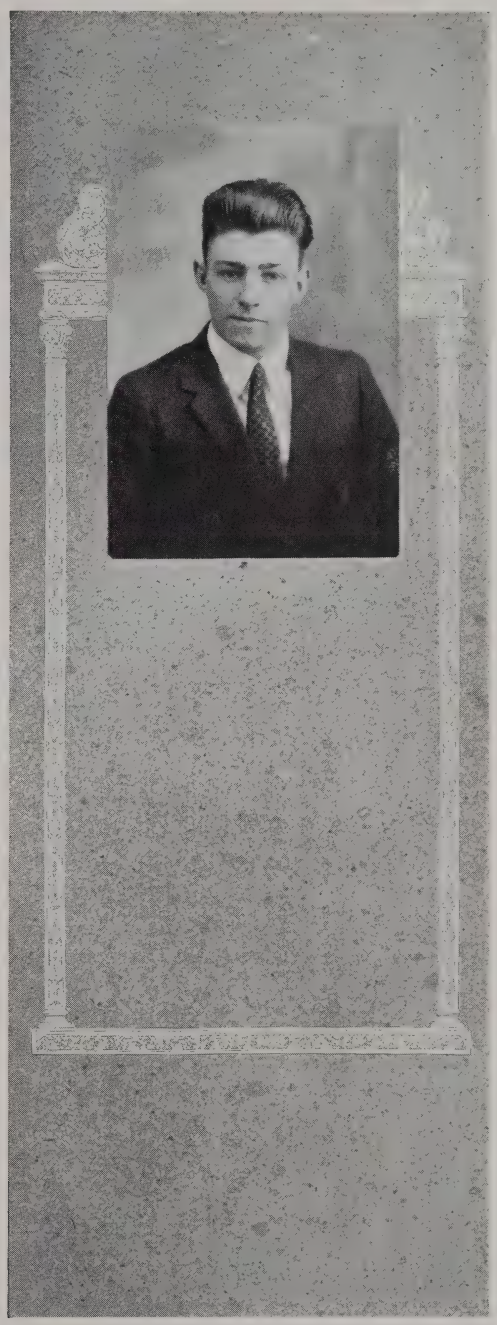
Gertrude is quiet and studious, yet we cannot say she is a "grind." One of her favorite studies is Home Economics and we feel sure she will fill the role of house wife to perfection.

Her favorite pastimes are reading and staying home from school. We all think a great deal of Gertrude and predict for her a successful life.

Nancy Garnett

Nancy is one of our bobbed haired strawberry blonds. One of her habits is getting peeved at the teachers. She sometimes gets out of patience with the rest of the "bunch," but we can hardly blame her when we consider that the members of the class are very trying on one's nerves at times. Nancy is very friendly to everyone but she has the distinction of passing through high school without "adopting" any one schoolmate as a chum. She walks a mile to school and works harder than any of us after she arrives and yet she keeps in fine physical condition.

Cheer up, Nancy, for your persistent hard work will cause you to win.



Orville Frick

"The simple things, the true things,
The silent men that do things."

This little gem describes Orville. He is ever busy. The time others spend in talking Orville spends in studying. He leads his classes in all branches of work, having won the distinction of being our best debator and orator.

He has represented our school in state and county contests.

But when we say that Orville is studious we do not mean that he is a book worm, because he is one of the best athletes that ever came to Varina, being on the track team which represented the school in the track meets at V. P. I. But Basketball is the game in which he shines. He is one of the few to play in every game for the entire year.

With these numerous desirable accomplishments he is retiring and bashful especially among the fairer sex.

Rest assured that success awaits him in any field he chooses for his life's work.

Senior Class History

IN September, 1920, we the Seniors of 1924, began our long anticipated journey through High School. We were thirty-six in number, and were guided by our teachers, Miss Pickhardt, Miss Shelburne, Miss Tomko and Mr. Baker. We had always thought that when we entered High School, we would be specially noticed and respected, but we were disillusioned, for everyone just called us "Rats" and we almost wished we were back in the grammar grade again.

Soon after we began our High School work Inez Schermerhorn, one of our members, decided that a man and a home of her own would be better than attending high school, so she left after having been with us only two months.

The next to leave our group was Gaithel Brown, who moved away the following December. This reduced our class, at the close of the session to thirty-four members.

A very short but happy vacation followed, and as September stole around again we found ourselves one step nearer to our goal. Thus we entered our second year.

We were very sorry to find that we had lost six of our members: Horace Lipford had decided to continue his education at Smithdeal Business College; Clarice Tremper also left us to attend school in town; Louise Hartsell and Bernard Lanham moved away from this part of the district; Evelyn Whitlock left our class, and joined the class following us; and Maggie Stagg did not return.

We had one new member, for Evelyn Humes had joined our class. This year our Faculty consisted of Miss Shelburne, Miss Stoneman, Miss McCraw, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Baker, who led us speedily on through the term. Then a sudden shock befell us all, for Baker Jones, the light of our class, moved away. A few days later Clara Whitlock left, and soon after Evelyn Humes and Coleman Minor broke from the ranks of our class. Then with neither gaining nor losing any other members from our group, we finished our second year.

The following September we returned to our work in the third year, just thrilled to think that we were really Juniors!

Our class seemed quite different, for George Jefferson and Andrew Schools, two of our lively boys, failed to return. However, there were eight new members in our class. Esther Hines, Ruby Durrett, Edwin Parsons and Stuart Vest came to us from Glendale; Marie Baughman, who had just moved out from the city transferred from John Marshall; Elizabeth Nuckols came from Short Pump, and Charles Whitlock joined us from Montrose. We were now thirty-one in number.

Our same Faculty returned to us with exception of Miss Shelburne, whose place was filled by Miss Sutphin.

Dorsey Kirby remained with us only a month, for he found some other occupation better than school life. Edwin Parsons came about every other day for a while, then gradually missed more until he attended about once a week and finally he dropped us altogether. We were very sorry to hear this, but worse than this he influenced others, for Stuart Vest and Thaddius Morowski, finding that they could not do without Edwin, left us a few weeks later.

Throughout our Junior year we had the reputation of being the worst class in school. I suppose it was not really meanness; we were only full of life. However, in spite of all of our demerits we passed out of our Junior year.

The vacation following seemed even shorter than the others, but we were all glad, because even the thought of being Seniors seemed to make us long for September.

When school began we again assembled in our same room, occupying our same desks as we had had the previous year. Immediately we noticed the vacant desks and soon found that three of our members were missing.

Virginia Stoneman had taken up her studies at Chatham Episcopal Institute; Elizabeth Nuckols failed to return from Short Pump; and Elizabeth Gleen, having moved to town, entered John Marshall High School.

Miss Stoneman and Mr. Baker were the only members of the Faculty of the previous year who returned to us. In place of the others we had Miss Summers, Miss Stone, and Mr. Anderson. We were all sorry not to find Mr. Rice back with us, because he always seemed to

take our part and help us out of all of our scrapes. Anyway we bravely began our last year in High School.

Eula Crouch either did not like her classmates or became tired of going to school, we do not know which, but it took her only a short time to decide, for she left us a week after school started.

We, as Seniors, worked together with as much harmony as could be expected, considering the size of the class. We were twenty-three in number, the largest class ever graduating from Varina!

As I look back over our four years at Varina, I feel that the special achievements of some of our class members should be recorded in this history.

We have had, and still have some star athletes in our class. Berkeley Fussell, Orville Frick, and William Attkisson have made wonderful records as Basketball players. Doris Rathien and Elma Fussell have also represented us on the Basketball teams.

Four members from our class were sent to the University last year for public speaking, debating, and reading. These were: Marie Baughman, Mabel Drinker, Ruth Murphy, and William Attkisson.

In addition to this, we have in our class Orville Frick, who has won in the Henrico County Oratorical contest. We feel very proud of him, and hope he will continue his good work.

We are sorry that the History cannot be recorded in the future, but we realize that we will no longer be bound together as a class after our diplomas are delivered. I can only say that I hope each of us will choose the right road—the one leading to Success.

—Isabella Hall, *Historian.*

Senior Class Prophecy

THE school life of the class of '24 has been so joyous, pleasant, and jolly, so unhappy because of the sorrows of others and rejoicing in the pleasures of each other, that I always compare them with a bouquet of flowers bound together with the ties of everlasting love and friendship.

Let us look into the hearts of the flowers and see what the future has in store for us.

The "Daisy" is the emblem of love, purity, beauty, and life. Just so is "Esther." We see her happy and gleeful in her chosen work, teaching the little children around her. The children run to her with their cut and bruised fingers. She soothes and loves them. Then again we see her in the class room supreme of all, everyone obeying and respecting her because they love her.

Just the same now, then, and forever. This is her secret of success:

"The white rose stands for purity,
The truth, and honor too.
Its snowy heart forms the resting place
Of a diamond drop of dew."

Fate has made "Gladys" a prominent lady. She is noted for her poetry, novels, and short stories. She is also editor of the Washington Journal. We are not surprised at this when we remember her ability to write essays and our Annual "write ups."

Just like the "Tulip," Mildred Daniels has characteristics all her own. "Tommy" always did love fame and has acquired it through her talent of art. She won her popularity as the interior decorator of the new and largest theater in New Orleans.

Clarence Crouch is like the "Four O'Clock," he believes in sleeping most of the day. But for all this he has been given a place in History as Professor of Art at Cornell.

When we see a "Chrysanthemum" we think of Rosa with her cheerfulness, sincerity, loving heart and helping hands. We were posi-

tive she would make a home cheerful for some man but instead she is doing Y. W. C. A. work and is a shining light to the little poor children of the slums.

The strong, sweet character and individuality of Hazel suggests the "Iris," Varina's most beloved flower. Hazel's quiet and demure, but jolly ways have won the hearts of everyone including an English nobleman's. She is a successful novelist and we are sure she will be a delightful and dignified mistress.

Who do we see in the heart of the "Sweet William" but our old chum, "Bill." He has given up four years to hard work and study and is now a promising physician, but he hasn't got over his "old crave" for a good time. As usual, he is popular among the "fair sex" and still loves and adores every cute girl he sees.

"The red rose stands for loyalty
And hearts with sorrow bled,
Of bright hopes dimmed by darkest fate.
With human blood stained red."

From the veranda of a beautiful mansion we see a velvet stretch of lawn. Near a grove of trees two women are sitting. One is an old lady and the other her companion, who seems to be reading to her. As we approach them the old lady rises and introduces us to her companion who proves to be our lovable classmate, Doris Rathen.

The "Carnation," reminds us of Benjamin because of its symbol of unselfishness, faith, honor, and popularity. We see "Benjamin Hubbard" in the headlines of the *News-Leader* and are very proud we were his classmates as he has been elected Governor of Virginia.

Sincerity, loyalty, honor, and friendship. The "Pansy" represents all of these and in its heart we see Mabel's bright and cheerful face. She is smiling and happy because she is helping someone else in her life's work. She is doing "Social Service Work" as she always said she would.

Elma, like the "Pink," has used her talent to entertain and add beauty to the world. She always filled out our programs at the last minute by singing a solo. She is now singing for a radio corporation.

"The rose of pink spells romance
And with its petals blend,
The mellow light of a summer morn

And a picture sweet it sends,
Of gardens in the ages past
And figures that walk to and fro.
It tells the tale of charming youth
In days of long ago."

The moon is sending fleeting shadows across the dimly lighted veranda. We see a maiden and youth standing there. He leans over and whispers into her ear and she shyly looks up through her long black lashes and whispers, "Yes." Ruth Murphy started out to be a teacher, but cupid had her already picked out as one of his victims.

Forget Me Not. Of course not, how could we forget Thelma? Not only because of her popularity in school, but at the present time. She always was the expert mathematician and is now Professor of Mathematics at Harvard. Oh! Gee! Aren't we proud of Thelma.

In the "Primrose" we see Nancy. She has finished her missionary course and is getting ready to sail to China to begin her life's work. The wedding bells have already rung for Nancy.

The uniqueness of the Astor reminds us of Berkeley. He was the star athlete of Varina and is now coach at the University of Georgia.

When we see a "Violet" we think of Gertrude. Her quiet and dignified ways have played a great part in her success as a teacher.

As the "Mignonette," Ruby's qualities as a teacher surpass her charms, which is saying a great deal. Ruby always was a brilliant student and loved school work.

Charles is as popular as the "Dahlia." He is a prominent lawyer and deals chiefly with divorce cases. He always did take up for the girls, especially one of our Art Editors.

The "Nasturtium" is small but bright, and so is Isabella Hall. She is always ready to start an argument and also end it, by winning. She has so made use of this characteristic in securing the "bills" her community prefers in the State Legislature.

While "Jasmine" is the symbol of amiability, Lola's calling is not out of the world, but at home. She hasn't the wild modern flapper ideas, and is therefore content to do the woman's work. She is one of the few of us that can make a lovely, comfortable home.

The cheerful bright color and large heart of the "Poppy" reminds us of Waverly Peers. "Redd" never quite decided what she would do

to brighten this dreary world but was always a speedy talker, and is now testing this capacity in the management of a group of children.

Orville Frick is connected with a famous magazine. He always liked the work of a journalist, and is now the most widely known in America, but;

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not our goal."

When the Senate goes into session next year Orville will take Virginia's chair.

"Lives of great men, all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us,
Footprints on the sand of time."

—Marie Baughman, *Prophet.*

Juniors

Junior Class

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Junior Class History

IN the autumn of 1921 a class of twenty-eight entered Varina High School as Freshmen, who soon realized they were just beginning their high school work.

Miss Stoneman was the home teacher. Toward the close of the term five of the classmates left the ranks.

We returned as Sophomores in the autumn of 1922, with two new members and Miss Stoneman, again our home teacher. During the term we lost three of our classmates.

In September of 1923 the classes were again taken up. There were several changes to notice. We were now Juniors, a step nearer the goal with a new home teacher, Mr. Anderson. Our class was larger than it had ever been, numbering thirty-two. We were joined by members of other schools. We were sorry to notice that Mary Clark, one of our classmates of the year 1922, had left us.

Our class has improved this term over the past, although Mr. Baker says we still have too much "hot air."

We were somewhat saddened during the term by the loss of six of our classmates.

We now have a roll of twenty-six pupils and we hope everyone of them will continue to prosper until the goal is reached, and ever afterwards.

—Margaret Cousins, *Historian.*

Sophomores

Sophomore Class

CLASS ROLL

Herbert Baughan
Josiah Fussell
Edward Guy
Eugene McAnally
Walker Peers
Paul Schultz
Robert Sigmund
Raymond McCann
Fannie Barnett
Eula Davis
Dorothy Dew
Gertrude Drinker
Constance Foxall
Eleanor Frayser
Ruth Sadowsky
Margaret Throckmorton
Julia Wagner
Elizabeth Yahley
Mary Hamilton

Sophomore Class History

IN September, 1922, we entered the Freshman Class at Varina. We all entered this class together from the seventh grade. To be sure our upper classmen teased us, calling us "Rats," and saying we were "Green," but we studied hard as all good Freshmen should.

We organized our class at the first of the year. We chose as our motto, "Non-Labor, Non-Palma," and selected the tea rose for our class flower. We also chose the class officers. Miss Stoneman and Miss Sutphin taught us that year.

During the year we lost three of our classmates—Terrill Jenkins, Raymond Beasley, and Lyston Day.

At last school was out; we had three long months of vacation, which we crammed full of pleasure.

Again in September, 1923, the school bell rang, calling us together. After greeting one another we settled down to work—as Sophomores. We found we had lost three classmates—Josephine Logan, Atlee McCue and Edward Holst. However, we were partly compensated for this loss by the entrance of Constance Foxall and Elizabeth Yalley, of Glendale, who joined us as Sophomores.

We now played a more important part in the school history. We too were upper classmen and could enjoy the discomforture of the Freshmen.

Raymond McCann and Walker Peers played on the basketball team, helping to win many games. These games drew much attention, and our boys received many compliments on their playing.

We also took part in the literary activities of the school more than ever before. Our Junior League programs were very much enjoyed.

Our class has endeavored to bring honor to the High School, as individuals have endeavored to bring honor to the class. Next year we will be Juniors. Let us hope we will make as great a success of being Juniors as we did of the year we have just gone through.

—EULA DAVIS, *Historian.*

Freshmen

Freshman Class

CLASS ROLL

Stanley Fussell
Henry Hilbush
Dudley Hubbard
Emmett Lipford
John Stoneman
Cleo Yeary
Margaret Dew
Lucile Bowis
Helen Drinker
Lelia Fussell
Ruth Fussell
Margaret Gill
Elizabeth Johnson
Ella Murphy
Florence Osborne
Ellen Rathein
Margaret Redwood
Elinor Whitlock
Carrie Yarbrough
Emmett Holder

Freshman Class History

THE opening of school in the fall of 1923 fell on a warm, pleasant day, but the day was more than beautiful to us, for it was the beginning of our high school career. The time sensed a graver meaning, a dip into the atmosphere of unknown fields of mathematics, language, and science.

Had it not been for the faithful guidance of our teacher, Miss Summers, there is little telling where we might have stranded. As it was, four of our classmates—Carrie Blackburn, Jane Minor, Veron Tepper, and Claude Duval found the grade disheartening and gave up the quest of verbs for more worldly acquirements.

Our life, to be sure, has been mental racking and hard, yet not without happier moments. Two of our favorites, Florence and Margaret, the reader will know which Margaret, seem to have found entire alleviation in an admirable young sophomore.

To Margaret Redwood we turn for what claim we have to literary rep. Here delicacy of thought and refined ideals shape the spirit that has converted with like equanimity the dragons of Latin, Mathematics and Literature. John, too, would be a brilliant student if he only could guess a little better. Stanley and Dudley are two promising young athletes.

But we lowly rats have no claim to distinction. Ours is but to learn the facts. Facts that lay 'tween text book backs. These will surely show the way to our last triumphant May.

Year of 1927.

The Trend of 1923-24

IN the course of my late evening stroll, I wandered within the gleams of a light, a light in the home of man. Beneath its rays lay a scene deserving of admiration. In many homes I found this spectacle: one worthy of attention. I wondered at the earnest gaze of the student perusing the crowded pages, wondered what his subject might be and how many of his fellows had found delight in the same subject. First I determined the name of the school they honored and satisfying myself that it was Varina, I continued my search with interesting results.

The one big subject that everyone was taking was English. A total of 98 high school students found in this compulsory subject, not only material for learning, but a ground for common interest.

Algebra is hard, yet no less than 42 students have challenged its intricacy and complexities.

Geometry, combining the two classes, Plane and Solid, claims a total of 25 followers. Of these, however, only 5 are studying Solid Geometry, while of the Algebra total 13 are taking second year work.

The one other mathematic, Business Arithmetic, has a class roll of 20 students.

Among the language studies, Latin I has 26 members, Latin II, 17, and French I, 8 members.

Taking up the science classes I found a class of 27 studying General Science, 29 studying Biology, and a Chemistry class roll of 21.

Ancient History has a class roll of 18, and the United States History class has a membership of 34.

The two important classes of Home Economics and Vocational Agriculture have each a membership of 21. We merely mention here they are a story in themselves.

Home Economics

Home Economics

Miss Elsie Stone ..... *Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

Rosa Barnett
Marie Baughman
Kate Dorton
Elma Fussell
Nancy Garnett
Thelma Goodman
Isabella Hall
Lola Martin
Gertrude Throckmorton

Home Economics

Miss Elsie Stone ..... *Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

Margie Adams
Virginia Adams
Madeline Becker
Mamie Canfield
Gladys Davis
Mildred Daniels
Mabel Drinker
Effie Love
Roslyn McCann
Frances Vanderoff
Bernetta Wagner
Isabelle Whitlock

Home Economics

THE progress the women of today are making naturally necessitates the training of our girls into more efficient home-makers and leaders. Realizing this the Home Economics Department was organized in Varina Agricultural High School in 1919-'20.

The department has developed rapidly during these five years. Practical training in Home Management, Food Principles and Preparation, Clothing, Costume Designing and Home Nursing is given. In the study of these principles each girl is made to realize that the home-maker, more than any other individual, is governed by circumstances, conditions, and environment. One of the greatest resources of the home-maker is the ability to meet all the foregoing conditions and emergencies graciously and efficiently.

Agriculture

Agriculture

H. W. Anderson ..... *Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

James Childrey
Wills Fussell
Berkeley Fussell
Forrest Hedrick
John Nelson
Willis Throckmorton

Agriculture

H. W. Anderson ..... *Instructor*

CLASS ROLL

Stanley Fussell
Josiah Fussell
Edward Guy, Jr.
Dudley Hubbard
Henry Hilbush
Emmett Holder
Emmett Lipford
Thaddeus Morawski
Raymond McCann
Garland Osborne
Walker Peers
John Stoneman
Paul Shultz
Robert Sigmund
Cleo Yeary

Agricultural Notes

THE Agricultural Department of the school was established under the Smith-Hughes Act in 1918. Since that time it has increased in opportunities offered and service rendered.

The department offers training along practical lines in the development of a more efficient type of agriculture including classroom and laboratory instructions in Plant Production, Horticulture and Rural Engineering, Animal Husbandry, Farm Management and Shop Work. The home project carried out by each individual student is a vital part of each year's work, which presents practical problems for the student to solve with the aid of the instructor.

Service to the community has been rendered by the department such as seed corn selection, pruning demonstration, testing of seed corn for germination and identification of certain diseases and testing out soil for acidity with recommendations for its correctness and testing milk for percentages of Butter fat.

If additional equipment is secured the department will be in a position to render an even greater service, and this becomes a vital factor in the Rural Community.

The primary object of the department, however, is to reach and train the rural farm boy. The service that he may thus help to render to his community, not only stimulates his interest in the work, but is of great benefit to the community in which he lives.

Grammar Grades

Grade Rolls

Seventh Grade

Mrs. W. F. Bernheisel ..... *Teacher*

Otis Becker
Herbert Bottoms
Edward Bowis
John K. Fussell
Wilmer Hedrick
Claude Henderson
Carl Hickam
Ernest Lipford
John Mistr
Robert Nelson
Annie Canfield
Madelyn Canfield
Bernice Covington
Jennie Stoneman
Christine Sweeney
Esther Syer
Grace Wagner
Helen Wagner
Phylis Hildebrand

Sixth Grade

Miss Ethel Hedrick ..... *Teacher*

George Boltz
George Cullengsworth
Fred Hall
Renwick Hall
Archie Henderson
Edwin Moore
Ernest Moore
Leslie Nuttall
Joseph Sigmund
Joseph Hall
Edward Smith
Philip Stoneman
Irene Amory
Myrtle Belknap
Bernice Bowis
Louise Boltz
Ethel Canfield
Virginia Eberly
Lucile Frayser
Helen Garnett
Eleanor Hubbard
Catherine Minor
Marie Oliver
Gladys Oliver
Lucy Southward
Glyenon Warriner
Effie Yeary
Miriam Underwood
Nettie Campbell
Nellie Hamilton

Fifth Grade

Miss Victoria Meredith ..... *Teacher*

Elwood Alexander
Carl Beasley
John Boltz
Thomas Barlow
Franklin Childrey
Eddie Cousins
Beverly Crouch
Earl Crouch
Warren Davis
Allan Dotson
Willard Frayser
Hayden Garnett
Mann Harrison
Aubrey Hedrick
Percy Moore
Winfred Moore
Floyd Nuttall
Edward Saxby
Robert Southward
John Throckmorton
Eulric Warriner
Roscoe Yeary
Albert Zehringer
Nellie Bosher
Sally Cheatham
Willnette Fussell
Geneva Hildebrand
Emma Henderson
Clara Mistr
Josephine Mosby
Hassie Orick
Thelma Shurm
Alice Throckmorton
Caroline Wills
Imogene Morgan
Nettie Campbell

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Ada Willson ..... *Teacher*

Richard Brown
Leslie Crerry
Linwood Cotman
Roger Covington
Anson Greeley
Glenn Love
James Lanham
Granville McCabe
George Marshall
Wilmer Rasmussen
Carl Sigmund
Eugene Sand
Randolph Tuck
Charles Wagner
Steve Wallo
Herbert Wash
William Frayser
Joseph Lent
Raymond Belknap
Lucile Allen
Mildred Amory
Dorothy Becker
Catherine Canfield
Elizabeth Dew
Thelma Bottoms
Violet Eye
Ethel Eye
Miriam Hubbard
Vera Hanson
Rozella Hedrick
Jane Ellen Moore
Virginia Nuttall
Catherine Peers
Nellie Snowa
Marjoe Slaughter
Anne Stoneman
Lula Throckmorton
Dorothy Wagner
Edna Wagner
Rosa Warriner
Mary Blackburn
Margarite Redford
Helen Vires

Class Rolls

Third Grade

Miss Susie M. Barrett ..... *Teacher*

James Allen
Jerome Becker
Raymond Belknap
Wallace Bowis
John Canfield
Willie Cheatham
George Creery
Billy Dotson
Winston Garnett
Clayton Grubbs
Leonard Haynes
Waverly Hall
Carroll Hander
Bernard Henderson
George Madison
Marion Malco
Warren Mosby
Cecil Ross
Cunow Rhorig
Grover Shurm
Harvey Southward
Albert Thimsen
Arthur Lee Warriner
Elmer Stone
Wilson Wagner
Clinton Landes
Gordon Landes
Claude Campbell
Doris Becker
Adelaide Bowles
Estelle Cheatham
Bernice Lent
Catherine McCann
Lacy May Murphy
Grace Orick
Marguerite Parker
Unice Peeler
Annie Southward
Belle Stoneman
Clara Wagner
Virginia Bottoms
Gertrude Marshall
Margarite Vires

Second Grade

Miss Lydia Kovac ..... *Teacher*

Frank Archer
David Boltz
Thomas Covington
Wilson Childrey
Howard Eberly
Wellington Enroughty
William Fergusson
Raymond Garland
Nelson Griggs
Daynhan Garrett
Dorsey Jeter
Louis Kee
George Oliver
Richard Potts
Joseph Pollard
Bernard Robinson
George Stoneman
Paul Sweeney
Joseph Sullivan
Bernard Throckmorton
Seldon Campbell
Elbee Campbell
Claude Campbell
Bernice Belknap
Virginia Bottoms
Elizabeth Crittenden
Lois Crerry
Margarite Enroughty
Edith Frayser
Edith Hanvey
Grace Hanvey
Gertrude Marshall
Margarite Moore
Isobell Madison
Emma McCabe
Mildrid Osborne
Goldie Ross
Martha Wagner
Elaine Wills
Martha Dilliard
Grayson Jeter

First Grade

Miss Louise Cooke ..... *Teacher*

Hillman Bosher
Woodrow Cheatham
James Gwatney
Orville Hansen
Robert Hickam
Vincent Hubbard
Joseph Jeter
Otis Knight
Bernard Lent
Goldia Lent
Morrison Lent
Henry McCan
Thomas Moore
Dona Orick
Elton Peeler
David Pearce
Edward Sigmund
Wilson Sweeney
George Truman
Louis Throckmorton
John Wallo
Frank Archer
John Holliday
Louise Atkinson
Anna Brockwell
Grace Crerry
Evelyn Grubbs
Virginia Henderson
Marie McCann
Helen Madison
Caroline Minor
Blanche Moore
Alma Throckmorton
Lilian Throckmorton
Louise Throckmorton
Rosa Wagner
Elaine Wills
Carrie Yeary
Mabel Campbell
Lilian Oean
Lois Vires

JUNIOR LEAGUE OFFICERS

Secretaries	*Treasurers*	*Presidents*	*Vice-Presidents*	*Censors*
Lola Martin	Berkeley Fussell	Forrest Hedrick	Isabella Hall	Mr. Anderson
William Attkisson	Orville Frick	Benjamin Hubbard	Edgar Frayser	Miss Stone
Bernetta Wagner	Forrest Hedrick	James Childrey	John Stoneman	Miss Summers

Junior League Notes

I THINK everyone knows about our Junior League, but I am going to give you a brief idea of what we are doing just to stimulate your interest.

The league meets twice a month. Our constitution, which is practically the same as the Community League's, provides for the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, pianist and censor, which are elected every three months.

To make these meetings more interesting a program is given at each meeting by members of the league and a critic is appointed. To stimulate interest among the students and classes a Program Contest was arranged to last two months. Each class had to give two programs and the Faculty acted as judges. The three losing classes had to entertain the winner. This contest ended March 14th and the Sophomore Class was declared by the judges to have given the best two programs.

The committee that was appointed to suggest what form of treat would be given the winning class decided on a "Wienie Roast," to be given at the school. The date was set for the night of April 15.

By 8:30 a snappy crowd had arrived so the boys built the fires and we played games. The girls had just as good a time as the boys as they wore "Knickers." Gee, but those wienies and marshmallows looked good to us after we had been running and playing, so everyone dived in and roasted all they wanted. After we had eaten all we could possibly manage we decided we "craved" excitement so we all trooped upstairs to the auditorium, started the victrola and danced. Everyone danced whether they could or not and we just had a schoolboy romp. By 11:30 we were rather weary and decided to depart for our homes and beds as we had to get up early the next morning to go to school. Everyone said they had an "adorable" time.

Athletic Association

OFFICERS

President ..... Berkeley Fussell
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mabel Drinker

SPORTS

Basket Ball Team

OFFICERS

Fussell ..... *Captain*
Hedrick ..... *Manager*
H. W. Anderson ..... *Coach*

LETTER MEN

Berkeley Fussell ..... Center
Benjamin Hubbard ..... Guard
Orville Frick ..... Forward
Walker Peers ..... Forward
Raymond McCann ..... Guard

The Season's Games

VARINA opened the 1923-'24 Basket-ball season with Atlee High School on the latter's court. It was the first time the Varina boys had ever played together, having almost a new team. But they didn't care for this and romped away for a big victory, winning by the score of 50-17. The game was featured by the clever shooting of Hedrick and the stellar guarding of Hubbard.

The second game was played at Toano, Va., with the cagers from Toano High School. The Toano boys uncorked a puzzling passing game, a style we could not solve and the score up to the last half showed it. Coming back for the second half Varina turned loose all her reserve and won after a hard, fast contest by a margin of 5 points.

On November 20th, the team played Cardwell High School on the latter's court. Varina got away to a good start, both Frick and Peers were getting loose and they accounted for a good lead in the early session, but the team slowed up in the opening of the last half and in the last quarter Cardwell forged ahead. Then Varina went into the lead only to be tied a few seconds later. The result was uncertain, but in the last few seconds of play Varina scored a field goal and a foul, winning 26-23.

Our second game with Atlee was played on the home court and a very interesting game was played. The opposing team was much improved and the local boys had to put out all they had to win, this time by only a 6-point margin. The game was featured by the aggressive work of Fussell, who was a little more than the opposing team could hold. In the latter part of the game Atlee endeavored to win the game by exceedingly long shots, none of which were made.

On the night of November 27th Varina entertained the Toano aggregation on their home court. A large crowd turned out to see the game that was pleasing in every way to a Varina audience. Do not, however, mistake the game for a walkover. Far from it, in fact the first half looked like Toano all the way, but the second half, well, that's interesting. Starting with the whistle the home team cut loose an attack that gradually gave them the lead. The real beauty of the game, however, was the defensive work of McCann, Attkisson and Fussell. Time and again Toano would start a desperate attack only to be stopped by the Varina defense, a defense that held our opponents scoreless in the entire second half.

The team then journeyed to West Point, a distance of — miles, on a cold windy day only to lose their first game by a one goal margin.

The second game with West Point, which was played on the home court, resulted in a 25-18 victory for Varina. An enthusiastic assemblage of fans witnessed this game, in which every Varina man starred, a game that grew the more furious as the end drew near. West Point had a strong team, a smooth working quint, a team with plenty of fight, the kind of an aggregation that only a good team can beat.

Varina's last two games were lost to Highland Springs. Poor shooting on Varina's part lost the first game, and in the second encounter the local tossers were outplayed by our more experienced opponents. The Varina boys have nothing but praise for the Highland Springs team.

Basket Ball Summary

WITH the opening of the Basketball season the following candidates reported for practice: Hubbard, Fussell, Peers, Frick, Osborne, Childrey, McCann, Hedrick and Attkisson.

Before the close of the season all of the above men were initiated into a number of the games and the showing made by the alternates was exceedingly gratifying. Those who are inclined to prognosticate can be assured of a fast aggregation for 1924-'25.

We do not mean to be patting him on the back, but when "Tinney" McCann gets his claws on a man someone is going to hit the floor. Then(too, Hedrick's shooting and Peer's allround playing is a promising feature. We must not forget the rapid development of Childrey and Osborne, and the hidden ability in lower classmen. Team of '24, you have a great season before you. Hop to it. We invite you to better the one we have just gone through.

Comparison of games played:

POINTS SCORED

Varina, 50; Opponents, 17—Atlee.
Varina, 22; Opponents, 17—Toano.
Varina, 26; Opponents, 23—Cardwell.
Varina, 23; Opponents, 17—Atlee.
Varina, 18; Opponents, 12—Toano.
Varina, 16; Opponents, 18—West Point.
Varina, 25; Opponents, 18—West Point.
Varina, 21; Opponents, 27—Highland Springs.
Varina, 17; Opponents, 29—Highland Springs.

Total: Varina, 218; Opponents, 178.

Track Squad

OFFICERS

Captain ..... O. M. Frick
Coach ..... H. W. Anderson

SQUAD

Charles Whitlock
Orville Frick
Raymond McCann
Clarence Crouch
Berkeley Fussell

Varina Representatives at Blacksburg

Baseball Squad

OFFICERS

Captain ..... Walker Peers
Manager ..... Forrest Hedrick
Coach ..... H. W. Anderson

SQUAD

Berkeley Fussell
Josiah Fussell
Stanley Fussell
Dudley Hubbard
Emmett Lipford
Claude Henderson
Forrest Hedrick
Herbert Bottoms
Raymond McCann
Albert Hare
Edward Bowis
Walker Peers
Benjamin Hubbard

Varina Hobby Riders

Waving at Charlie ..... Rosa Barnett
Studying ..... Orville Frick
Knickers ..... Mildred Daniels
Going to shows alone ..... Forrest Hedrick
Dancing ..... Waverly Peers
Eating ..... Benjamin Hubbard
Paying attention in class ..... Gladys Davis
Shaking a Wicked Ankle ..... William Attkisson
Getting sent out of class ..... Marie Baughman
Playing the part of a girl ..... Walker Peers
Prolonging a Continual Chat ..... Mable Drinker
Insects especially Beadles ..... Lola Martin
Basketball ..... Berkeley Fussell
Dates ..... Ruth Murphy
Getting to class "on time" ..... John Nelson
Cracking jokes ..... Isabella Hall
Petting Junior Girls ..... Byron Hubbard
Eating Lolly-pops ..... Doris Rathien
Playing Tennis ..... John Stoneman
Listening to Radio ..... Mary G. Stoneman
Sleeping ..... Clarence Crouch
Making Desert-Snorters ..... Charles Whitlock
Late Parties ..... Thelma Goodman

Second Class Mail Matter

Youth's Companion ..... Waverly Peers
Country Gentleman ..... Benjamin Hubbard
Modern Priscilla ..... Ruth Murphy
Southern Planter ..... Berkeley Fussell
Current Opinion ..... Isabella Hall
News-Leader ..... William Attkisson
Everybody's ..... Mildred Daniels
Designer ..... Mable Drinker
Pathfinder ..... Orville Frick
Farmer's Wife ..... Hazel Bowis
The Post ..... Clarence Crouch
La Mode de Paris ..... Marie Baughman
House Wife ..... Gertrude Throckmorton
The Comfort ..... Lola Martin
Scientific American ..... Charles Whitlock
The Gentlewoman ..... Thelma Goodman
Dearborn Independent ..... Ruby Durrett
American Woman ..... Esther Hines
Needle Woman ..... Rosa Barnett
Delineator ..... Elma Fussell
Varina Progressive ..... Nannie Garnett
Everyday Life ..... Doris Rathien
Literary Digest ..... Gladys Davis

—G. M. D.

AW!!!
"Three of a Kind"
"Rat and Buck"
"Buddies"
Trash
Caught in The Net
A Bundle of Nothing
Bags of Real Sport

OLD MAID
School teachers
All Aboard!
?
HIGH UP
"Fatty"
Pals
BEN-BOLT
Flappers
FUZZY
FLEE
Loafers

Heard in the Halls of Varina

"There goes Tommy, we must be late for class" ..... Everybody
"Oh somebody ring the bell quick" ..... Lola Martin
"Oh where is Lola?" ..... Thelma Goodman
"Who?" ..... "Bill" Attkisson
"Oh for Heaven's sake" ..... "Redd" Peers
"Now let's get a running start" ..... Miss Stoneman
"Aw gwan! You don't mean it" ..... "Flee" Hendrick
"Oh T-e-l-l me I didn't hear the first" ..... "Tommy" Daniels
"An' he said ———" ..... "Rosa" Barnett
"Aw, you're crazy" ..... "Buck" Nelson
"Oh! Do we have a test today" ..... "Izzy" Hall
"Dog if I know" ..... "Rat" Stoneman
"I crave food,—I'm so-o-o hungry" ..... "Dinky" Drinker
"Shh-h-h-h Everybody get in line" ..... Miss Stone
"Oh I'm so embarrassed!" ..... "Sparky" Baughman
"Good-night, Hannah!" ..... Ruth Murphy
"You all have heard ———" ..... Berkley Fussell
"Going to have anything to eat?" ..... "Fatty" Hubbard
"Knees quarter bend—in cadence exercise" ..... Mr. Anderson
"What's the latest news of the Community—any scandal ..... Miss Summers
"Take fi' demerits apiece and report to my office tomorrow" ..... Mr. Baker

Class Statistics
Wittiest
("Tommy")
Mexican
Athlete
("Bill")
Most in Love
Best all-round girl
(Doris)
Biggest Gossip
("Redd")
Vamp
("Ruth")
Cutest
("Izzy")
Best Athlete
("Fuzzy")
Most popular girl
("Dinky")
Most popular boy
Sleepiest
(Cerack)
Giangies
(Stavy)

Chemistry "Tom-Foolery"

Mildred has arrived so we will begin our lesson.
Mr. Baker—"Isabella, what color is nitric acid?"
Her Response—"Oh! A sort of blackish-white."

Mr. Baker—"Mildred, pay attention. I bet you can't tell me what Berkeley is doing?"
Mildred—"Well, I'll be 'dogged' if he isn't writing on the board."

Question—"What is refined oil?"
Smart Senior—"Refined oil is modest."

Mable—"Mr. Baker, what's the diameter of a molecule?"
Mr. Baker—"The Lord knows I don't know, ask me something I know."
Sparky—"That's a hard thing to do."

Rosa—"That wasn't in our lesson."
Mr. Baker—"It was in your lesson, but not under your head."

Mr. Baker—"What important product is given off when wood is burnt to make charcoal?"
Marie—"Heat."

HEARD IN CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

"Heat it hotter, Marie, so it will explode."
"I told you so."
"For goodness sake, 'Redd,' stop fussing and get to work."
"Where in the world are Isabella and Marie?, its the fifth time I've gone after them this period. Five demerits apiece for them."
"Mable cut her hand again."
"Stop 'hiking' our apparatus."
"Come on Rosa you're our boss."
"Did it blow up?"
"Does this acid burn?"
"Can't finish it today—time for the bell."

—"Sparky."

Social Events

The Fascinating Fanny Brown

"The Fascinating Fanny Brown" was given for the benefit of the Annual fund.

CAST

Percival Gale	MR. ANDERSON
Billy Pearson	FORREST HEDRICK
Dorothy Dudley	MARIE BAUGHMAN
Florence Howe	WAVERLY PEERS
Audrey Caldwell	MILDRED DANIELS
Henry Dudley	WALKER PEERS
Mrs. Moffett	MABLE DRINKER
Mrs. Caldwell	RUTH MURPHY
Martha, a servant	ISABELLA HALL

At 8 o'clock on the 5th of March the doors opened to allow the "early birds to get their worms" in the form of the best seats.

Behind the scenes there was the general commotion besides the agony of trying to look pretty and getting everything we had forgotten. Everyone was finally dressed except Walker. Poor Walker had to dress like a girl. We had a terrible time getting a boy to take this part. We always knew the boys of Varina were "Women Haters," but we did not think they would refuse to "dike up as a girl" for a play. The scene was supposed to be just after a dance and Henry had to wear an evening dress. He was determined he wouldn't wear "a silly old sleeveless dress," as he expressed it; he wanted to wear a jersey sport dress. Imagine it, wearing a sport outfit to a dance. We were horrified but finally got him "tucked neatly" into the proper dress and were ready to try his wig on. Would he let us? I should say not. He said, "it would spoil his patent leather shin." Who said boys weren't vain?

Finally, breathless from excitement and the general commotion, we were all ready to try our luck and see whether the speaking or silent drama would suit us better.

When the curtain arose we were all calmly sewing, reading, and making fudge. The first act closed with the presentation of the precious Fanny Brown, which brought forth peals of laughter and applause from both young and old.

The second act solved the mystery and the lovers "kissed and made up." We were all greatly relieved when it was over but we wouldn't have missed the "thrill" of giving it for anything. We made (?) dollars, including the proceeds from the refreshments that were sold.

We were so eager to see how the Popularity Contest was progressing that we didn't wait to change our costumes but "flew" around to the auditorium. Margaret Gill and Ruth Murphy were fighting for the top. Ruth won, which we are very proud of as she is a Senior. Margaret came out second. Good luck to you both. We hope you keep it up.

The presents, which were adorable gold bar pins, were selected by Mr. Baker and presented by Mr. Northern.

Everyone left repeating Mabel's favorite phrase in the play, "Oh! why did I let Wilbur go away?"

FINIS

Book Social

ON Wednesday, March 19th, the Community League gave a book social to help furnish the School Library.

A very interesting program was given which everyone enjoyed immensely. Readings from popular books such as "Miss Minerva and William Greenhill," "Hamlet," "Evangeline," and the "Courtship of Miles Standish," were given and a scene from "Alice of Old Vincennes," was presented with a pantomime.

The program was concluded by the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and Hilman Deal Boscher and Belle Stoneman represented Uncle Sam and Columbia.

The Social proved to be a success as over one hundred books were added to our scant library. Five dollars was made on the candy made and sold by the Home Economic Girls.

The students of Varina are very grateful to the Community League and Patrons who contributed books.

A Five Dollar Gold Piece was contributed a few months ago by an anonymous patron. We thank you very much.—"SPARKY."

Social Events

ON April 29th a Silver Tea was given at Mrs. Sydnor's home for the benefit of the Home Economics Department. Mrs. Bosher, Mrs. Drinker and Mrs. Frayser entertained and the refreshments were served by the Home Economic girls. The ladies of the community seem to be interested in this department as a large number of them were present at this tea. Eight dollars was made, which will be spent for linen for the dining room.

In order to raise enough funds to furnish the dining room the girls are going to sell candy and cake at school during lunch period. We hope, with the help of Mrs. Avery and Mr. Cooper, we will be able to raise enough money this year to buy the furniture and furnishings.

Yes, We All Like Lectures

Senior Class President—"Mr. Baker requested me to announce that some speakers will talk along educational lines here tonight and he arduously desires that all seniors be present."

Senior Class (in unison)—"We'll be here with bells on." "Sure." "Yea, I'll be here."

Senior Class President—"Is there anyone who cannot come?"

Silence.

"Hello Frick, where's the gang?"

"Oh, I guess they'll be here in a minute, Whit."

"No I don't think so, not Bill at least." "I came down with him and he's filling a date with his lady down the road." "He bought a new set of chains this evening; he said he'd need them going to Granville."

"That reminds me, Fatty will not be here either, he's on his way to the Lyric now." "But I suppose the girls will all be here."

"Sorry to disappoint you, but Ruby, Esther and Doris are being entertained, as well as their prospective better-halves, at Rosa's birthday party."

"Say it more softly."

"Still if Elma and Lola and Thelma come—."

"I can appreciate those expectations, but you will never realize them tonight. Lola and Thelma are visiting their city friends tonight and Elma is billed for a recitation at the Winter Garden this evening."

"I suppose Red, Dinky, Tommy and Izzy will all be here."

"How you 're suppositions fail my friend, just as I was leaving town this evening I saw Red and Dinky enter the Star Theatre escorted by Crouch and Fuzzie. And Tommy and Izzy are making their debut tonight at the Lyric."

"There is Gertrude, Nancy, Gladys and Hazel; they always come."

"Oh, they are at the B. Y. P. U. Social, I heard their plans over the phone."

"But Ruth will certainly ————"

"Not likely, I saw the Maxwell Coupe on the road this evening."

"This is disheartening, let's go to the Lyric."

"There's no use, the house will be packed, Tommy and Izzy are performing there this evening."

"Let's slip around to joint number ten for a little game of ————."

"Put 'er here ole man you saved the evening."

"That was the chairman announcing, did you catch the name of the speaker?"

"Yes, it was a Mr. Lonesome."

Alumni Notes

SINCE 1917, when Varina became an Accredited High School, we find the boys and girls who have gone out of its doors as graduates, interested in various branches of work in which they are making a success.

Many of these have attended various schools and are now making a success in the business world or as teachers. There are some who are still attending school through a desire for a higher education. These are:

Marie Fortna, Class of 1920, at Richmond Medical College.

Elizabeth Stoneman, Class of 1921, at Richmond School of Social Service.

Russell Hill, Class of 1922, and Gladys Fisher, Class of 1923, are attending school at the Massey Business College.

Nettie Eberly, Cecile McCollister, and Olive Hall, Class of 1923, are attending the Fredericksburg State Normal.

Hattie Childrey, Class of 1923, attending Harrisonburg State Normal.

Willie Lanham, Class of 1923, is now attending Smithdeal Business College.

Finding each other so desirable in their school days, Jessie Kesler, Class of 1921, and Randolph R. Harrison, Class of 1921, were married about a year after they graduated.

Other members of the various classes are also married, which are as follows:

Margaret Haycox, Class of 1917; Elsie Fiese, Class of 1917; Evelyn Rennie, Class of 1917; Elizabeth Miller, Class of 1917; Esther Dorey, Class of 1918; Lavelon Dupuy, Class of 1918; Lillian Redwood, Class of 1919; Emma Wade, Class of 1919; Harry Haycox, Class of 1920; Inus Hickam, Class of 1920; Marion Lanham, Class of 1922; Ellen Strath, Class of 1922; Mary Martin, Class of 1922.

The following graduates are now teaching:

Ethel Beavers, Class of 1917; Mary Davis, Class of 1919; Ethel Hedrick, Class of 1920; Dorothy Vanderof, Class of 1920; Naomi Kirby, Class of 1920; Byrd Nelson, Class of 1921; Aline Timberlake, Class of 1922; Helen Rood, Class of 1922; Blanche Henderson, Class of 1922; Sallie Bracket, Class of 1923.

The Business world has claimed many of Varina's graduates. These are:

Ruth Fortna, Class of 1917; Marion Garnett, Class of 1917; Sel Beasly, Class of 1917; Virginia Nelson, Class of 1917; John Jester, Class of 1918; Jeanette Kirby, Class of 1920; Benjamin Harrison, Class of 1921; Franklin Bernheisel, Class of 1921; Catherine Dew, Class of 1921; Harry Barlow, Class of 1922; Lacy Hedrick, Class of 1922; Robert Mann, Class of 1922; Channing Glenn, Class of 1922; May Patterson, Class of 1922; Estelle Fussell, Class of 1922; Ruby Patterson, Class of 1923; Charles Jefferson, Class of 1923; Randolph P. Harrison, Class of 1923; Richard Fussell, Class of 1923; Catherine Bernheisel, Class of 1923.

Many of the boys and girls have preferred to stay at home and put into practice the Agriculture and Home Economics, which most of them studied at school. These are as follows:

Sanford Alexander, Class of 1920; Alfred Mistr, Class of 1921; Gertrude Barlow, Class of 1921; Edwin Mistr, Class of 1923; Alvin Mistr, Class of 1923, and Lorraine Johnson, Class of 1923.

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Humor

Humor

Who has no time for jokes and laughter,
He's the one the doctor's after.

CORRECT THESE SENTENCES

Having spent so much time in chapel, Mr. Baker declared the rest of the day a holiday.

And the Chemistry teacher put the test off until the following week.

Clarence Crouch had eight dates last week.

There is no Play at Varina tonight.

Clarence Crouch got here on time—
That's a lot of bunk.
Gladys failed on math. today—
That's a lot of bunk.
A dance and Bill without a girl—
That's a lot of bunk.
And Fatty's getting thinner every day—
That's a lot of bunk.

Mr. Anderson's reason for teaching Agriculture:

I've got to leave the speaking stage
This very week;
Directors say it takes an age
For me to speak;
And so I guess I'll try a spell
Of silent drammer,
And then people cannot tell
How much I stammer.

Doris—"But Miss Stoneman, I don't know my oration."

Miss Stoneman—"Well, go as far as you can and if you have to sit down in the middle of it, you can."

Esther—"Are you coming to the play tonight?"

Lola—"I haven't a way."

Esther—"Where there's a 'Will' there's a way."

Miss Stone (anxiously)—"Did you say that Mr. Baker met up with a Miss Fortune the other day?"

THE FINAL SEPARATION

They sat on the sofa, Bill and Marie. The lights were turned low. They gazed into each others eyes with perfect contentment. He arranged his necktie for the twentieth time and queried, "Do you love me, Marie?"

"Uh-huh, I think so."

"I knew you did—I love you, too, Marie—you're the only girl for me."

She hesitatingly, "Did you ever—ever love any other girl?"

"No, Marie—you're the first girl I ever loved, the only girl I ever will love."

"Oh Bill, I knew it! I love you more than ever." She flushed with pleasure, raised her chin, and looked at him expectantly through long lashes. He took three cigars from his vest pocket, laid them on the table beside the sofa, and started to take her in his arms.

She sobbed, "All men are liars," and she walked majestically out of the room.

Mildred—"Do you play Mah Jong?"

Mable—"No, the idea! I play with My John."

The other day Mr. Anderson's car was tagged for not parking it at the correct angle. Mr. Anderson, not knowing the exact location of the court, asked the janitor of the city hall where it was.

"Aw wuh I want aw wuh toaw know aw wuh———," but this was as far as he got for the experienced janitor had seen confused "grooms to be" before.

"Marriage licenses? Third floor," said he.

Grocery Clerk—"Now what kind of beans do you want, Campbells or Ritter?"

Ruth (absently)—"Did you say you had the Rit kind?"

Mrs. Bernheisel—"Tell of the persecution of the Christians."

Margaret Gill—"It was something aw-ful."

Mr. Baker (interrupting Senior Class meeting)—"Have you decided anything yet?"

President—"Yes, we decided we would decide tomorrow."

Flea was having a rather rough time with a guard of a visiting team when Marie thought he needed some encouragement, "Squeeze him Flea, I'll tell the world you know how."

THE SPIRIT OF '24

Now I sit me down in class to sleep,
I hope my chum my notes will keep;
If I should snore before I wake,
Do poke my ribs for goodness sake.

Mr. Baker (giving exercises)—"Now we will take the leg exercises. Hands on your elbows."

Berkley (giving a lecture on the importance of exercise)—"Every morning I take a run followed by a shower bath."

Ruby—"I think it is a shame that Mr. Baker has to do like he does. I think he ought to have a wife."

Fatty—"This is leap year, Ruby, now's your chance."

Miss Stoneman (in Biology)—"Beginning with John Nelson I want all of you to name some forms of lower animals."

Issy—"Oh! what must we do this period?"

Marie—"I tell you what. We'll flip this penny and if it's heads we'll eat our lunch, and if it's tails we'll work on the annual, and if it stands on edge we'll study Chemistry."

Esther—"I think Crouch will be a great man some day."

Rosa—"Why Crouch especially?"

Esther—"He gives every one his ears but few his voice."

Junior—"I paid 50 cents for this cigar."

Senior—"And got 45 cents in change."

Junior (next week)—"I paid 50 cents for this cigar and didn't get no change."

Senior—"Oh, I see, you bought the whole box."

Junior (at end of first half)—"What's on?"

Basketball Captain—"I don't know what's on, but you're off."

First Senior—"Let's take a couple girls to the show tonight."

Second Senior—"Who shall we take, Senior girls?"

First Senior—"Heck no, let's take a couple of Sophs., they're young and innocent."

First Senior—"Who were those egotistical students you were speaking of this morning?"

Second Senior—"Gee, I've forgotten, get the Rat register."

FAMOUS SAYINGS

Juniors—"We did it."

Freshmen—"I did it."

Sophomores—"I'll do my best."

Seniors—"Now, if I can be of service——?"

First Sophomore—"I'm writing a debate on evolution, what would you suggest to strengthen Darwin's theory?"

Second Sophomore—"Present a picture of the Freshmen Class."

"I'm no spach-maker so I'll sing a song."

"Let's all join in chorus: 'We've found the missing link'."

"Your's till the cock crows."

—Charles Whitlock, *Joke Editor.*

Senior Class Meeting

President—"Mabel, if you'll shut up for a minute, I'll have a class meeting."

Ruth—"Why don't all of you shut up?"

Shorty—"If you wouldn't talk so much yourself there would be less fuss."

President—"I called this meeting so the girls could decide what kind of dresses we are going to wear Class Night. If you boys are not interested you may retire." (None left.)

Shorty—"I make a motion we wear linen dresses."

Fatty—"I second it." Tee! Hee!

Dinky (holding up her linen collar)—"What! dresses like this?"

Sparky—"No! We want a high grade of linen."

Bill—"I make a motion we wear white flannel trousers."

Shorty—"I make a motion we all wear them."

Hazel—"I won't be on a page by myself in the Annual."

Lola—"I'll tell you what we'll do, put a full size page of Redd's mouth." The motion was seconded by the class in chorus.

Tommy (appearing on the scene)—"Good night. Am I late? What class is this?"

Shorty—"Another cabbage-head busted."

Elma—"I think all the Seniors should have their say."

Redd—"Well! You're not tongue tied, are you?"

Tommy (to Mabel)—"If you don't keep on your side of the seat I'm going to knock you over."

President—"This is a class meeting not a prize fight."

Tommy—"Well, ——."

President—"Shut up. The chair has the floor."

Charles—"I make a motion we adjourn."

Doris—"I second the commotion."

The meeting adjourned and a scrap ensued. "Shorty" and "Sparky" kicked the slats out of a chair and used them to beat up the two "red heads." A "knock down drag out" was the result and "Sparky" and "Shorty" came out on top.

Thus ended the meeting. —"Sparky."

JUST A MOMENT PLEASE

"Love that makes an old heart young,
Makes a young heart melancholy."
Prove it?—All right.

Listen:

"Far off, where days are thoughts and nights are dreams,
Where sunsets are the songs an old man sings,
There is an orchard, found by stray moonbeams,
Where Romance sleeps 'mid vague imagining.

"Beneath an apple tree his cloak is spread
When dusk comes swarming up the quiet lane,
But ere the stars have passed, from sleep he's fled
To seek for blossoms where his head has lain.

"Amid the moistened chill of early dawn,
Or stifling wildfire of a dazzling noon,
It is the same—he lives that he may scorn
What is for dreams that died behind the moon.

"Poor Romance! Seeking for a place to sigh
Among the orchard trees. When leaves have turned
To smoke that lingers in the autumn sky,
Will he have conquered dreams? Will he have learned?"

Or as Coolridge saw it:

"To know, to esteem, to love—and then to part
Makes up life's tale to many a feeling heart!"

As you would breathe it:

"If I were a raindrop and you a leaf,
I would burst from the cloud above you,
And lie on your breast in a rapture of rest,
And love you—love you—love you."

Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud? BY ALL MEANS IT SHOULD NOT.

The Community Fair

FOR three successive days, September 26, 27, 28, the school activities ceased in order to accommodate the annual Varina Community Fair. The autumn festival was held at Varina Agricultural High School.

Chief among the agricultural displays were the exhibits of corn, potatoes, leguminous hays, in fact all farm products; the livestock entries, and the poultry show. Gratifying remarks in regard to the exhibits were expressed by numerous visitors. The farm products especially, in the opinion of the judges, were much better than former exhibits. No less significant were the ladies' departments and school displays, resounding the importance of the home and education.

Something like 500 people came out to see the blue ribbon winners and enjoy the festivities. Entertainment was afforded by baseball games and track events, while on the afternoon of the third day Messrs. Coleman and Williams spoke to a large audience on the subject of road bonds.

A real movement is on foot to improve the agricultural life in this community. It has presented itself in the form of a county fair. An endeavor is being made to enlarge, in every way, the coming event. The community organization has been extended into an incorporated institution known as the "Henrico Community Fair Association." For information, see the Business Manager, Mr. Anderson, or ask any enthusiastic farmer. The date is October 2 and 3.

Commencement Program

June 9—13, 1924

MONDAY NIGHT, 8:15 P. M.

Class Sermon ..... *Dr. Fred R. Chenault*

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TUESDAY NIGHT, 8:15 P. M.

Senior Class Play

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Oliver Stevens ..... Clarence Crouch

Charles Topping ..... Berkeley Fussell

Claude Marshall ..... Orville Frick

Mary ..... Nancy Garnett

Catherine ..... Rosa Barnett

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 8:15 P. M.

Class Night

1. Opening Chorus .....
2. Opening Address .....Benjamin Hubbard
3. Roll Call .....Ruby Durrett
4. History .....Isabella Hall

Music

5. Critic .....Mabel Drinker
6. Criticism of Critic .....Charles Whitlock
7. Poet .....Ruth Murphy

Music

8. Grumbler .....Mildred Daniels
9. Prophet .....Marie Baughman
10. Prophecy of the Prophet .....Waverly Peers
11. Last Will and Testament .....Gertrude Throckmorton

Music

THURSDAY NIGHT, 8:15 P. M.

Commencement Night

Music

1. Invocation .....
2. Salutory .....Doris Rathien
3. Class Oration .....Orville Frick

Music

Announcements

4. Valedictory .....Written by Gladys Davis
Presented by ————————

Music

5. Address .....State Supt. Harris Hart

Music

6. Presentation of Diplomas .....Prof G. F. Baker

Class Song

7. Benediction .....

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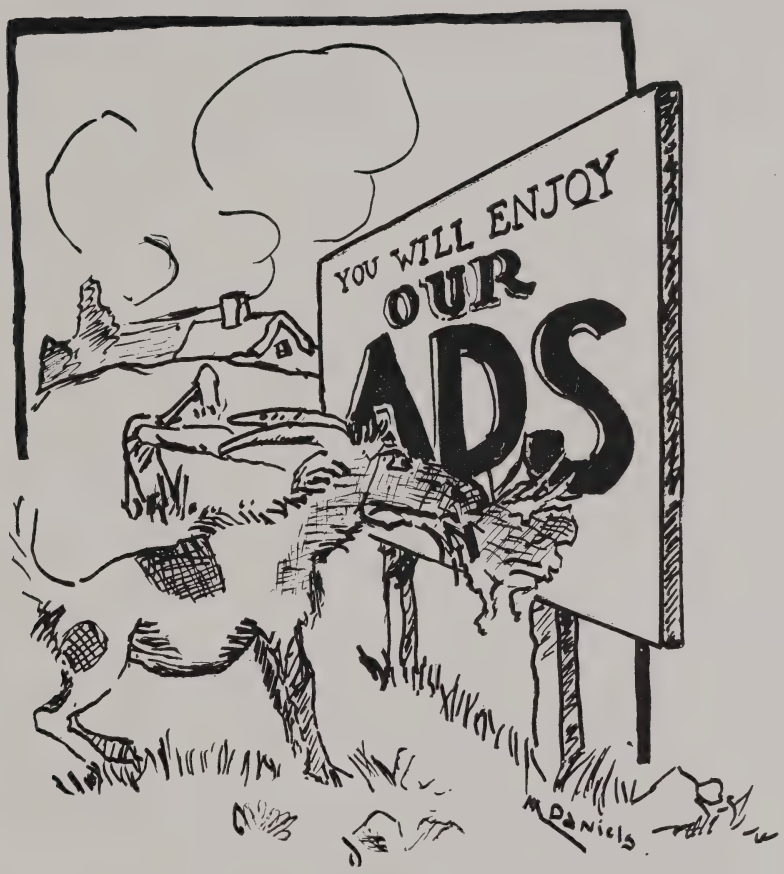
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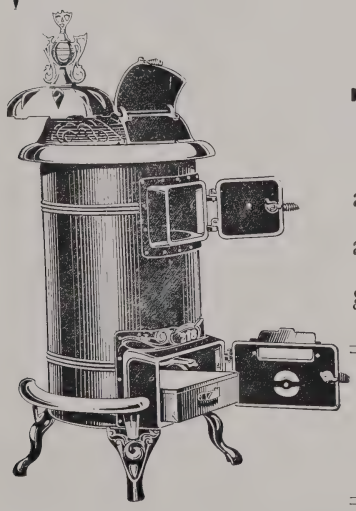

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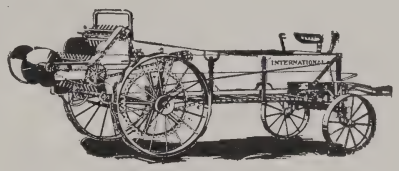

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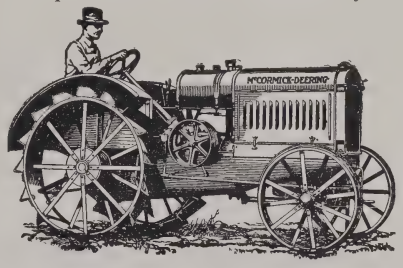

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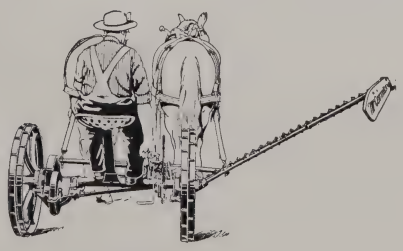

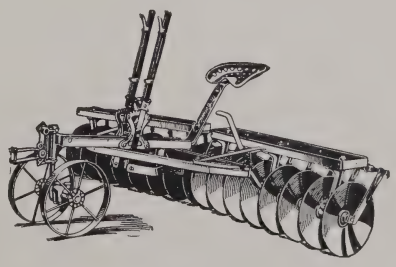

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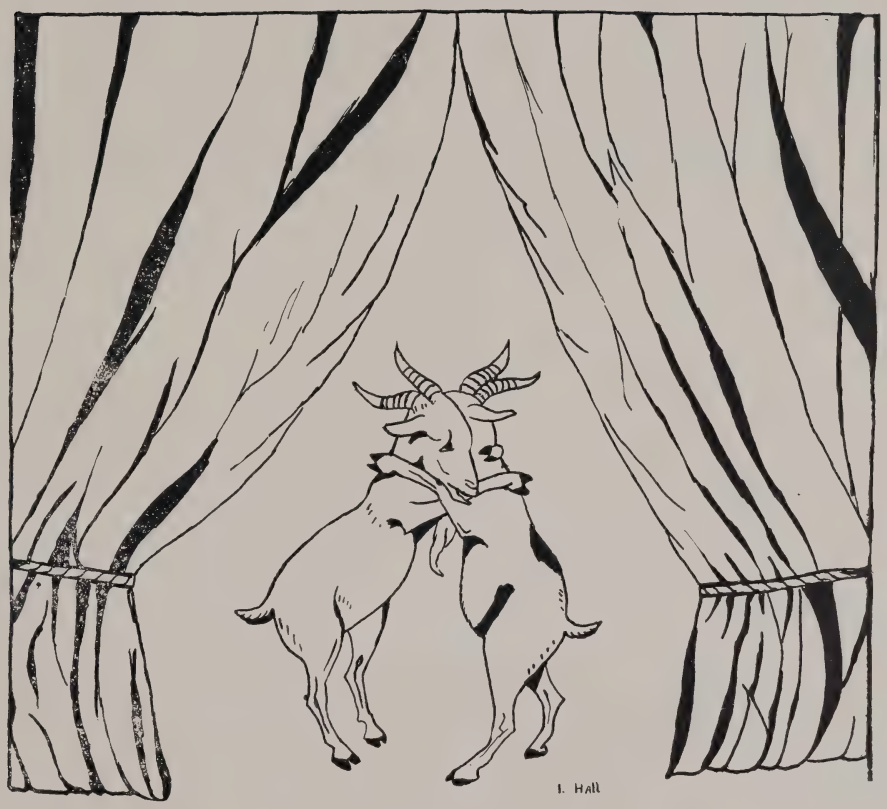

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